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SUBJ : NIGERIA "TELEGUIDED" BY US? GARBA'S ANSWER

1. IN TAPED TELEVISION INTERVIEW BROADCAST EVENING OF MAY 18, EXTAFF COMMISSIONER GARBA RESPONDED TO INNUENDOS THAT FMG IS BEING "TELEGUIDED" BY USG IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY. GARBA SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD THE

ALLEGATION AND "I CONDEMN IT IN ITS ENTIRETY. NO GREATER INSULT COULD

BE GIVEN TO THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. IT IS RIDICULOUS."

2. GARBA CONTINUED WITH NOW STANDARD REMARK THAT IN INTERNATIONAL RE-

LATIONS THERE ARE NEVER PERMANENT FRIENDS OR ENEMIES. AFTER RECALLING

FMG'S DISAGREEMENT WITH US DURING ANGOLAN CRISIS, GARBA SAID SITUATION

HAS CHANGED BECAUSE NEW US ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN SHOWING "SOME UNDER

STANDING OF AFRICAN SITUATION." NIGERIA WAS NATURALLY DELIGHTED THAT US PLACING AFRICA IN ITS CORRECT PERSPECTIVE. NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD STARTED WELL AND AFRICA EXPECTED A LOT FROM IT IN COURSE OF TIME. COM UNCLASSIFIED

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MMISSIONER NOTED HOWEVER THAT NIGERIA WILL CONTINUE TO BE AS STRONG AND

INDEPENDENT IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS EVER.

3. ON ZAIRE, GARBA SAID NIGERIA DID NOT "GATE CRASH" INTO THE ISSUE, BUT WAS INVITED BOTH ZAIRE AND ANGOLA; "THE MOMENT WE ARE

NO MORE NEEDED, WE WILL GET OUT." NIGERIAN MEDIATION WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF INEFFECTIVENESS OF OAU MEDIATION COMMITTEE. HE ADDED THAT MEDIATION DID NOT START WITH SHABA PROBLEM,, BUT WAS MERELY INTENSIFIED BY IT.

4. GARBA ALSO SUPPORTED UK-US INITIATIVE ON ZIMBABWE, BUT ADDED THAT NIGERIA HAS NO ILLUSIONS (ABOUT CHANCES OF SUCCESS). IN MEAN-TIME FMG WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ARMED STRUGGLE.
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